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BRIDGWATER PORT HEALTH

AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT 1969

BRIDGWATER PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

SECTION I - Staff

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
R. H. Watson	Medical Officer of Health.	31.7.47	M.B. B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.	M.O.H. Bridgwater Borough & Rural District. M.O.H.Burnham-on-Sea U.D.C. Divisional School Medical Officer, and Senior Medical Officer. Somerset County Council.
D. J. Hunt	Port Health Inspector	1.7.67	M.A.P.H.I. Assoc. R.S.H.	Chief Public Health Inspector Borough of Bridgwater

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Telephone No. of Medical Officer of Health: Office; Bridgwater 4147
Residence; Bridgwater 3028

22 King Square,

BRIDGWATER,

Somerset,

March, 1970

To: the Chairman and Members of the
Bridgwater Port Health Authority.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my report for the year ended 31st December, 1969.

The health of the Port has been satisfactory throughout the year.

Treatment of venereal diseases is obtainable at the Clinic in Bridgwater, and details of these arrangements and also facilities available at all Bristol Channel ports, are displayed in prominent positions throughout the area of the Port.

The Port Health Inspector's Report is appended, together with statistics of the shipping using the Port.

R. H. WATSON,

Medical Officer of Health

4 Taunton Road,

BRIDGWATER,

Somerset,

March, 1970

To: the Chairman and Members of the
Bridgwater Port Health Authority.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year ended 31st December, 1969.

The number of coastwise ships entering the Port during the year has decreased, although the total tonnage has increased by 13 per cent.

The number of ships from foreign ports has increased this year by 19, which reflects the increase of trade activity at Dunball Wharf. Five shipments of tomato puree were received and samples submitted to the Public Health Laboratory and the County Analyst proved satisfactory.

The inspections carried out have not revealed any serious defects, whilst no rats were found on any vessel.

D. J. HUNT,

Port Health Inspector

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SECTION II

Amount of shipping entering the district during the year 1969

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	143	32,241	5	143	-
Coast-wise	949	222,409	1	25	-
TOTAL	1,092	254,650	6	168	-

SECTION III

Character of shipping and trade during the year

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC	Number of passengers INWARD	- Nil
	Number of passengers OUTWARDS	- Nil
CARGO TRAFFIC	Principal IMPORTS	Wheat, Potatoes, Milk, Tomato Paste, Sand, Potash, Peat, Wood Pulp, Timber, Feeding Stuffs, Fishmeal, Fertiliser, Asphalte and Oil.
	Principal EXPORTS	Scrap Iron
PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES from which ships arrive.	Foreign	Eire, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Holland, Germany & France.
	Coastwise	Northern Ireland & Bristol Channel Ports

SECTION IV

Inland barge traffic

There is no inland barge traffic.

SECTION V

Water Supply

(1) Source of supply for the district and shipping is the West Somerset Water Board, obtained from streams in the Quantock Hills.

(2) Samples are taken monthly for bacteriological examination and all have given excellent results.

(3) Hydrants and hosepipes are inspected.

(4) There are no water boats in the Port.

SECTION VI

Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952

(1) List of Infected Areas

A weekly epidemiological record is received from the World Health Organization, and is available at the Health Department.

(2) & (3) Radio and Other Messages

Bridgwater is not a radio transmitting port, but messages can be received by radio telephone via the Ships Agents, Messrs. Hunt & Co.

(4) Mooring Stations

(a) The Maritime Declarations of Health are handed to the Captain on arrival, completed and returned to the Port Health Inspector.

(b) All vessels from foreign ports are boarded by the Port Health Inspector immediately on arrival.

(c) The Customs Officer notifies the Port Medical Officer, or Port Health Inspector of the times of arrival of all vessels from foreign ports.

(d) Mooring stations designated under Articles 22-30

(i) The Northside of the Bridgwater Dock.
(ii) The vessels will be breasted off the quay, with gangways off, at the place of mooring.

(e) Standard exemptions issued to:-

(i) Vessels unhealthy by reason of minor infectious diseases on board, e.g. measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, tuberculosis and pneumonia.

(ii) Vessels otherwise clean which have arrived from a listed port in an infectious area.

(5) (a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases other than smallpox is as follows:-

Cases of Plague, Cholera and Yellow Fever by arrangement with the South West Regional Hospital Board. Cases of other infectious diseases, Taunton Isolation Hospital.

(b) Surveillance and following up of contacts carried out by the Port Medical Officer.

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons clothing and other articles carried out under the supervision of the Port Health Inspector.

SECTION VII

Smallpox

(1) Cases of Smallpox are sent to Ham Green Isolation Hospital, Bristol.

(2) The transport of such cases to hospital would be by an ambulance attached to the Hospital.

(3) The Smallpox Consultant available is Dr. Macrae, Ham Green Isolation Hospital, Bristol.

(4) Laboratory investigations on suspected cases of Smallpox are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service.

SECTION VIII

Venereal Diseases

Clinics are held at Bridgwater General Hospital, Bridgwater each week as follows:-

Monday:	Males:	5.00 p.m.	to	5.30 p.m.
Thursday:	Females:	5.00 p.m.	to	5.30 p.m.
	Males:	5.30 p.m.	to	6.00 p.m.

In-patient treatment is available at Ham Green Hospital, Bristol.

Particulars of treatment facilities in Bristol Channel Ports are displayed at all wharves and docks.

SECTION IX

Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships

TABLE D

There have been no cases of infectious diseases dealt with during the year.

SECTION X

Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No action.

SECTION XI

Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague

No action.

SECTION XII

Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

(1) Ships arriving from foreign ports are inspected for the presence of rats and Certificates examined.

(2) No rats were sent for bacteriological or pathological examination.

(3) Any ships found to be infested with rats would be treated by one of the Corporation Rodent Operators.

(4) No rat proofing of ships carried out.

TABLE E

No rats were found in ships from foreign ports.

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates are not issued. The Certificates are inspected when ships are boarded and if found to have expired, arrangements are made with the next Port to be visited by the ship for such Certificates to be renewed.

SECTION XIII

Inspections of ships for nuisances

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and Number of Inspections		Notices Served		Result of Serving Notices Nuisances Abated
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
British	11	-	-	-
Foreign	157	-	-	-
Total	168	-	-	-

SECTION XIV

Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948

There are no shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Authority.

SECTION XV

Medical Inspection of Aliens

The Port is not approved for the landing of Aliens.

SECTION XVI

Miscellaneous

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious diseases:-

Bodies would be removed to the Borough Mortuary and, if necessary, burial would be undertaken by the appropriate Local Authority.